

### Filling up of Posts for SCs/STs In public Sector Undertakings

5518. SHRI V. DHANANJAYA KUMAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether posts reserved for SC/ST candidates are not filled up in majority of the public sector undertakings;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether a number of such posts are being filled up by deserving them; and

(d) if so, the steps taken to fill up the reserved quota for SCs/STs in these undertakings?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P.K. THUNGON): (a) to (d). On the basis of information furnished by 139 Public Sector Undertakings, 12149 vacancies have been identified for being filled up by SC/ST candidates. Various steps have been taken to fill up these posts by Public Sector Undertakings. A special Recruitment Drive had been launched during 1991 for filling up these reserved vacancies by Public Sector Undertakings. Relaxation in age limit, concession in examination fee, incentive of travelling expenses for attending interviews pre-recruitment training, relaxation in standard and experience, separate sitting for interview for SC/ST candidates etc. are available for selection in Public Sector Undertakings. De-reservation of vacancies in direct recruitment has been banned in Public Sector Undertakings as in Government Departments.

[Translation]

### National Policy on Edible Oils

5519. SHRI DILEEP BHAI SANGHANI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to formulate a national policy on edible oils; if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Union Governments propose to encourage farmers for increasing the production of edible oils; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) Government has formulated an integrated policy on oilseeds/edible oils covering the aspects relating to the production, processing, modernisation of industry, import/export, distribution etc. with the basic objective of achieving self-reliance in edible oils.

(b) and (c). Government has taken a number of measures to encourage farmers for increasing the production of oilseeds/edible oils.

A statement in this regard is attached.

### STATEMENT

*Steps taken by the Govt. Encourage farmers for increasing the production of edible oils*

1. Two centrally sponsored schemes namely National Oilseeds Development Projects (NDDP) and Oilseeds Production Thrust Proj-